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THE BIRTH OF THE MOON.

When the Earth Was a Sphere of Lava, Molten and Flattened.
The earth revolves on its axis once in 24 hours. Millions of years ago the day was 22 hours; millions of years before it was 21 hours. As we look back toward into time we find the earth revolving faster and faster. There was a time, ages ago, long before geology begins, when the earth was rotating in a day of five or six hours in length. In the remotest past the earth revolved in a day of about five hours. It could revolve no faster than this and remain a single unbroken mass.

It was at this time that the moon was born—separated, broken off from the parent mass of the earth. The earth was then a molten, flattened sphere of lava. Its whole body was fluid. The tides, which now are small, superficial and, so to say, local, were then universal and immense. They occurred at short intervals. The whole surface of our globe was affected. And the corresponding lunar tides in the fluid, molten moon were indefinitely greater still.

Our day is now 24 hours; the distance of the moon is now 240,000 miles. When our day was about five hours long, the moon was in contact with the earth's surface. It had just broken away from its parent mass. As the length of the terrestrial day increased, so did the distance of the moon. The two quantities are connected by in-exorable equations. If one varies, so must the other. Whenever the rotation time of a planet is shorter than the period of revolution of its satellite, the effect of their mutual action is to accelerate the motion of the satellite and to force it to move in a larger orbit—to increase its distance, therefore.

The day of the earth is now shorter than the month—the period of revolution of the moon. The moon is therefore slowly receding from us, and it has been receding for thousands of centuries. But the day of the earth, as we have seen, slowly growing longer. The finger of the tides is always pressing upon the rim of our huge flywheel and slowly but surely lessening the speed of its rotation. So long as the terrestrial day is shorter than the lunar month, the moon will continue to recede from us—Professor E. S. Holden in Harper's Magazine.

A Curious Barometer.
A curious barometer is said to be used by the remnant of the Araucanian race which inhabits the southernmost province of Chile. It consists of the castoff shell of a crab. The dead shell is white in fair, dry weather, but the approach of a moist atmosphere is indicated by the appearance of small red spots. As the moisture in the air increases the shell becomes entirely red and remains so throughout the rainy season.

A Wise Prophet.
"On the whole," said the aged weather prophet, "I have found that the safest course is to predict bad weather."
"Why?" asked the neophyte.
"Because people are much more ready to forgive you if the prediction does not come true."

Her Size.
Young Man—I want an engagement ring.
Jeweler—Yes, sir; about what size?
"I don't know exactly, but she can twist me round her finger, if that is any guide."

Partly Accounted For.
Bizzer—Where does that man Flimble get all his money?
Buzzer—Well, I loaned him five dollars two years ago—Ohio State Journal.

It is claimed that dentistry prolongs life. As has been said of matrimony, it certainly makes it seem longer.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

No man can build character by trying to raise that of others.—Nashville Banner.

That Cough Hangs On
You have used all sorts of cough remedies but it does not yield; it is too deep seated. It may wear itself out in time, but it is more liable to produce la grippe, pneumonia or a serious throat affection. You need something that will give you strength and build up the body.

SCOTT'S EMULSION
will do this when everything else fails. There is no doubt about it. It nourishes, strengthens, builds up and makes the body strong and healthy, not only to throw off this hard cough, but to fortify the system against further attacks. If you are run down or emaciated you should certainly take this nourishing food medicine.

The Life of a Coal Miner.

First, the boy of eight or ten is sent to the breaker to pick the slate and other impurities from the coal which has been brought up from the mine. From there he is promoted and becomes a door boy, working in the mine. As he grows older and stronger he is advanced to the position and given the pay of a laborer. There he gains the experience which secures him a place as a miner's helper, and as he acquires skill and strength he becomes, when in the height of his manhood and vigor, a full fledged miner.

If he is fortunate enough to escape the falls of rock and coal, he may retain this position as a miner for a number of years. But as age creeps on and he is attacked by some of the many diseases incident to work in the mines he makes way for those younger and more vigorous following him up the ladder whose summit he has reached. He then starts on the descent, going back to become a miner's helper, then a mine laborer, now a door boy, and when old and decrepit he finally returns to the breaker where he started as a child, earning the same wages as are received by the little urchins who work at his side. There is no incentive for ambition in the average miner's life. He cannot rise to places of eminence and wealth. Only 1 in 500 can even be given place as a foreman or superintendent, and these are positions which few miners care to hold.—John Mitchell in Cosmopolitan.

For His Reputation, \$500.
The proprietor of a large dry goods store had decided to tear down the old building and erect a new one in its stead. In furtherance of this plan he was removing his goods to temporary quarters in another building.

The goods were nearly all out of the old structure when from some unknown cause it caught fire. The department was promptly on hand and soon had a stream playing on the flames, but the merchant was wild with excitement. Running up to the chief, he urged him to greater haste.

"Never mind the goods!" he shouted. "Save the building! I'll give the boys a check for \$500 for their pension fund if they don't let the fire spread beyond that floor!"

"Why, you're going to tear the old building down anyway, aren't you?" asked the chief.

"Yes," he said, "but do you suppose I want the insurance companies or anybody on earth to think that's the reason why it caught fire?"

By great exertion the fire was extinguished with little loss so far as the building was concerned, and the merchant was as good as his word.—Youth's Companion.

Queer Creatures.

There are microscopic creatures which live in roof gutters and on the bark of trees and are known as water bears and wheel animalcules. If allowed to dry up under the microscope, they can be seen to shrivel into shapeless masses, which may be kept for years uninjured in the dried state.

On being placed after this long interval in water they gradually plump up, resume their proper shape and move about in search of food just as if nothing had happened. Much the same is true for the minute worms which live in the substances in which they live are known as paste and vinegar eels. Well known is the famous case of the desert snail, which, retracted into its shell, was fastened to a tablet in the British Museum and showed no sign of life for seven years, when one morning it was found crawling hungrily about the glass case that formed its prison.

Up His Sleeve.
At the battle of Omdurman a soldier belonging to a Scotch regiment was nearly killed by a bullet which struck the ground just in front of him while he was firing in a reclining position. On seeing above a foot forward, something came down his sleeve. It was the bullet. How it got up his sleeve without inflicting damage can only be accounted for by the fact that it must have been spent by the time it struck the ground in front of him and the course of its flight up his sleeve was its last bid.

The Color of Wood.
A simple way to restore color to wood is to mix the color with oil and turpentine, applying with a soft cloth and rubbing in well. Either the powdered pigment or colors ground in oil may be used. For light oak use raw umber, for dark oak burnt umber. If it is very dark, add a mere shade of lampblack. For mahogany use burnt sienna, chrome yellow and bismarck brown, and for cherry use burnt sienna.

He Was Too Slow.
Magistrate—Your husband charges you with assault.
Madam—Yes, your honor. I asked him if he would always love me, and he was so slow in answering that I hit him with a mop. I'm only a woman, judge, and a woman's life without love is a mere blight.—Illustrated Bits.

Quite Realistic.
"This," said the eminent artist, "is my famous study of the 'Cows in the Clover.'"
"But where is the clover?" was asked, none appearing in the picture.
"Oh, the cows have eaten it, you know."—Baltimore American.

Spy.
"If you intend to dine on a," queried the captured mariner, "why did you greet us with a fusillade?"
"Because we always pepper our food before eating it," grinned the cannibal.—Philadelphia Record.

Good Reason.
Professor—Why does the earth move? Hardup (absently)—Can't pay the rent, I suppose.—Exchange.

M. E. Church Services.
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Change to Change a Quarter.

"How much does it take to change a quarter?" asked the bartender. "Twenty-five cents, eh? Not on your life. It takes seventy cents to do the trick. How many ways do you suppose a quarter dollar can be changed? Just exactly eleven. A fellow of limited means may like the jingle of coin in his clothes. In that event you can give him twenty-five pennies or twenty pennies and one nickel. He may like to have a little sprinkling of silver in his clothes, and you can accommodate him with fifteen pennies and a dime or ten pennies, a dime and a nickel.

"If he prefers to have change handy for a beer and a car fare, why, fifteen pennies and two nickels will fix him up, and if he wants a cigar in addition, besides having a little stock of cash in his jeans, give him ten pennies and three nickels. That makes six ways. Now, then, a fellow with a quarter on trade it out for five pennies and two dimes, five pennies and four nickels, two dimes and one nickel, one dime and three nickels or five nickels, just as he prefers. And to accommodate him in any way that he might select you have to possess twenty-five pennies, two dimes and five nickels—seventy cents in all."—Philadelphia Record.

Pound Foolishness.

One of the commonest forms of pound foolishness is countenanced by many high authorities. This is the purchase of certain household provisions in large quantities. Few writers on domestic topics fail to lay stress upon the economy of buying groceries in bulk. That sugar and flour, potatoes and apples should be bought by the half or whole barrel, cents by the case, butter by the tub and other things in like proportion is one of the early precepts in "Young Housekeeper's Complete Guide to Domestic Economy."

The ignorant young things buy the provisions first and the experience afterward. The flour grows musty, the cereals develop weevils, the potatoes and apples rot long before they can be eaten, and the cook exercises a lavishness in the use of the butter and sugar she would never show were they bought in such limited amounts that the housekeeper could hold close watch over them. Even after these events the young mistress feels as if she were absolutely reckless and no manager at all when she so far departs from household law as to buy food in small quantities.—Independent.

Loneliness and Health.

A medical journal has of late been discussing the little loss so far as the illness. By this title is meant to be indicated the disorders of digestion which are believed to follow the practice of taking one's meals in solitary state. The topic is by no means an uninteresting one. Thousands of men and women living alone are compelled to take their meals for the most part without company. Week in and week out they feed themselves without a soul to talk to, and the medical journal declares its energies to showing that the practice is not one that is likely to be conducive to digestion, to proper bodily nourishment or to health. The solitary man soon tires of merely eating, and, if he is not of a literary turn of mind, his tendency is to hurry through his meals to escape from his loneliness into the society of his fellow men. Herein, it is held, lies a danger to health.

Discovery of Coal in Wales.
During the reign of Henry VIII. many attempts were made to discover coal in north Wales, and a Shrewsbury man, named Richard Gardner, was the only person who succeeded. The old records read: "He attempted and put into proof to fynde out coles about the town (Shrewsbury) in sondry plays, and in one place especiall callyd Emlath. He faye, hard by the sayd towne, he found by his great diligence and travail a great store of se cole, the which he lyke to come much commoditie both to the riche and poore, that he is not only worthy of commendacion and mayntenance, but also to be had in remembrance for ever."—Cardiff Western Mail.

The Russian Climate.
The Russians count upon their climate as one means of defense, as it was when Napoleon invaded Russia. Their troops are accordingly trained in winter maneuvers, including loading a battery, with its war transport and material complete, upon sleighs, moving it for some distance over a difficult, snow covered country and bringing it into action again.

A Curious Eating Custom.
The Dyaks divide in pairs when the hour arrives for taking food, the father and mother at one platter, two sisters at one and still two brothers at another. When the family is not equally divided as to sex, a brother and sister may eat together, but this must always be the youngest and oldest of the family.

Her Pet Name.
"Ah!" he sighed after she had blushingly whispered "Yes" in his bosom. "My own Mehtab! Oh, that name's so formal! Surely your friends use some shorter one, some pet name!"
"Well," she murmured, "the girls at boarding school used to call me Pickles."—Philadelphia Press.

His Mistake.
"What curious mistakes men make sometimes! I've just been reading, for instance, that Columbus imagined that he had discovered the Indies."
"Ah, I made a worse mistake than that! When I married my wife, I thought I'd discovered paradise!"

Candid.
Miss Alma—When did you become acquainted with your wife, doctor?
Doctor—After the wedding.—Helter Skelter.

Health and Beauty.
A poor complexion is usually the result of a torpid liver or irregular action of the bowels. Unless nature's refuse is carried off it will surely cause impure blood. Pimples, boils and other eruptions follow. This is nature's method of throwing off the poisons which the bowels failed to remove. Do Witt's Little Early Risers are world famous for remedying this condition. They stimulate the liver and promote regular and healthy action of the bowels but never cause griping, cramps or distress. Safe pills. Kerr's Pharmacy, Jackson.

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If you are coming, come early as my rooms are always crowded.

Idea of News.

Justice John M. Harlan of the United States supreme court, when a practicing lawyer in Louisville, once tried his hand at newspaper work, taking the place of a personal friend, then editor of the Louisville Commercial. The justice got along all right writing editorials, but had ideas as to news that were at variance with those of the city editor.

One of the reporters had written a clever account of a man who had fallen from the fourth story of a building and escaped without serious injury. He made a story of about a column in length. With a proof of the article in his hand the temporary editor came to the city editor and said:

"Mr. Smith, please have this story cut down. I can't see anything in it that makes it worth that space."

"But it's the 'star' story of the day, Mr. Harlan," gasped the astonished news man. "I think it's a remarkable story and well worth all the space given to it."

"I don't," said Justice Harlan. "If a man had jumped up four stories, it would certainly have been remarkable, but even a fool could fall down four stories, or half a dozen, for that matter."—New York Times.

The Driver's Point of View.
The hotel coach was filled with a crowd of happy, jubilant visitors, and the horses trotted splendidly up the hills. As each emcee was reached and at every turn in the road the crowd would burst forth into cries of wonder and delight at the magnificent scenes which burst upon their view. The mountain Jehu alone preserved a dignity and silence which rather awed the others. At length, after a particularly lovely view had been passed, one of the guests at the driver's left hand remarked:

"You don't seem to take much interest in the scenery. No doubt it's an old story to you."

The driver shook his head. "No, that's not it," he answered. "I just don't care." Then he leaned a little closer and whispered: "But I know just how you folks must feel. You all come from a long distance just to see things, and you're bound to enjoy it anyhow so as to get your money's worth and not feel as though you was cheating yourselves. Oh," said this driver in a superior tone, "I don't mind it when I understand how 'tis."—Leslie's Weekly.

Held by Etiquette.
When Don Pedro, then emperor of Brazil, was entertained at the White House, he had been told by a confused senator that it would be expected that he, the emperor, should be the last of the guests to depart.

The president's wife, however, informed her other guests that they would be expected to follow, not precede, the royal party in leaving the house.

The result was that no one dared to go for fear of a breach of etiquette. But at 8 o'clock in the morning a tired woman pretended illness, and the deadlock was broken.

Great is etiquette, but common sense is sometimes allowable.

In Holland no landlord has the power of raising the rent or of evicting a tenant.

Matrimony and Eyes.
An old man was rallied by his friends, on his marrying a young wife, on the inequality of their ages. He replied, with the request that it be wiped, puts on a stamp and drops it into the train letter box. At the next station the box is cleared and the message sent out.

Smart Girl.
Her Mother—Edith, don't you think you are getting too old to play with little boys?
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The Consultation.
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"My wife does, too—that is, she asks me for the money."

The Mistake of the Polar Bear.

Nordenskjold found that the white bears generally went through a long performance of stalking his sailors, clearly on the mistaken conclusion that they were seals. As the men were dressed partly in sealskin, it was a very natural mistake. But the interest of the story lies in the generalization made by the bear. The bear said:

"There are two or three seals, one standing up on its flippers in a very unusual way. I will therefore stalk them unseen as long as I can and when they see me pretend to be doing something else."

The men, with their guns and lances, who wanted to shoot the bear had the pleasure of seeing him carefully crawling behind rocks and ice hummocks, making long detours this way and that and every now and then clambering up a rock and peeping cautiously over to see if the seals had gone. On the open snow the bear would saunter off in another direction and then, falling flat, push himself along on his belly, with his great front paws covering his black muzzle, the only thing not matching the snow about him. Just as the bear thought he had got his "seal" the latter fired and shot him, a victim of false analogy.—Spectator.

Norwegian Hotel Fire Escapes.

Nor do Norwegian hotels themselves console you. Built of wood, their chief merit lies in the fire escape, which is to be found in the chief room upon every landing. At Visnes I spent a happy night answering the questions of nervous travelers who came from hour to hour to see if the fire escape in my room was working properly. Angry assurances were powerless to convince timid if ancient ladies. Did I really think the rope would work? Was there any danger? Had I tried the contrivance myself? Excellent souls! As if that printed notice were not enough!

At that point I wrote. It is the complete instruction in English to the traveler threatened by fire in a wooden hotel in Norway. Let me give it you as I found it:

"Fire escape to throw out the window.

"The plaited snorter shall be found in every room.

"To increase the hurry let down the body one by one until all shall be left."

"N. B.—The cord shall put out the ground from the shoulder thereunder."

—London Mail.

Florists' Lives Are Short.

"It is commonly supposed that the men who work in the mines or those whose occupations necessitate the breathing of poisonous fumes and gases are the shortest lived," said a prominent physician. "This is a mistake, and it will surprise many to learn that the highest death rate is found among a class who breathe in the sweetest odors—florists."

"The reason is a simple one. The florist lives at once in the torrid and the frigid zone. From a greenhouse atmosphere of nearly 100 degrees in the winter months he must step out into one that is nearly always below freezing point and often below zero. In summer he has change to encounter, too, as in the spring and fall. By force of habit he grows careless and often works without his coat in the hot, artificial atmosphere, and this increases the dangers to which he is exposed. Lungs and throat and stomach diseases, as well as rheumatism, find in the florist the least resistance."—Galveston News.

The Change in the Tenderfoot.

"This is a remarkably healthy climate, they say," said the easterner. "You're right, that," said Arizona Al. "For instance, not long ago a tenderfoot with a weak chest an' a pale face dropped into the Miners' Delight, called me a liar an' o' course I had to clean up. 'Bout two months after a big sunburnt cowboy stopped me on the street, wiped the earth up with me an' slammed me up in a tree to recuperate. Same fellow. Best climate in the world, pard.'—Indianapolis Sun.

Too Small to Share.

Barnes—Yes, I guess it is true that it is the little things that count.
Howes—So you have come to that conclusion, have you?
Barnes—Yes. You see, I was walking with Tedworth, and he said if he should find a million dollars he'd give me half. Presently he picked up a dime, and when I asked him to share it with me he abused me like a pick-pocket.—Boston Transcript.

Coloring of Flowers.

A florist says that the law governing the coloring of flowers makes a blue rose impossible. According to this law the three colors red, blue and yellow never all appear in the same species of flowers. Any two may exist, but never the third. Thus we have the red and yellow roses, but no blue; red and blue verbenas, but no yellow; yellow and blue in the various members of the viola family (as pansies, for instance), but no red; red and yellow gladioli, but no blue, and so on.

Rubber Plants.

Many plant growers become annoyed because the older leaves at the base of their rubber plants turn yellow and fall off. This is a natural process. It does not indicate any defect in the plant. It is simply the ripening of the old foliage, which cannot be retained indefinitely. Sometimes, however, the loss of foliage results from the want of room, but in such cases the plants refuse to grow.

Railroad Telegrams.

When a traveler in the grand duchy of Baden, Germany, wants to send a telegram while he is in the train, he writes the message on a postcard, with the request that it be wired, puts on a stamp and drops it into the train letter box. At the next station the box is cleared and the message sent out.

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Letter From Skagway.

SKAGWAY, ALASKA, Nov. 28, 1901.

Dear Ledger—

Thanksgiving day again finds us in the land of frozen blessedness. Like England, we are glorying in our "splendid isolation." No mail from the south now for six days. The steamship Dirigo was due three days ago with a supply of turkeys, but has not yet arrived. The Canadian telegraph line to Vancouver has been down for several days; in fact, that has been its normal condition ever since it was opened in October, making our connection with the outside world very spasmodic and uncertain. The cable to Juneau is a failure thus far, as the jagged rocks cut it to pieces faster than it can be repaired. Between White Horse and Dawson there is ice enough to keep steamboats from running, and all traffic is suspended until the ice is sufficiently melted to

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1901

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas is the one holiday that stands out from all other festive seasons. It is the festival not of one nation, but of all Christendom. It is commemorative of the birth of the Christian era, by the advent of the babe of Bethlehem. It is the only birthday that has withstood the shock of ages, and is in fact more widely celebrated as the centuries roll by. And yet the exact date and even year of the birth of Christ is a matter of conjecture. These points have become dim with the lapse of ages. It was not until the fourth century that the 25th of December was fixed upon by the ecclesiastical authority as the date of his birth. One of the main arguments that led to this decision was the meteorological conditions and the customs of shepherders in the land of Palestine. Neither ecclesiastical nor civil records have been handed down from coterminous times affecting this interesting question, except the four biographical sketches known as the gospels, written by the fishermen of Galilee. Strange that these unlettered men, who in picturing a perfect human character accomplished a task that baffled all the wisdom of the ancients, should leave this matter in obscurity.

Christmas was at first observed as an exclusively sacred festival, and in its celebration was gradually introduced gorgeous display and attractive ceremonies. Latterly it has partaken of a social as well as a religious character, and children especially are accustomed to look forward to it as the season of gift and merry making. It is emphatically the period of glad tidings today, as it was to the shepherds of old, and recognized as such the world over. How or when the custom originated of exchanging the familiar compliment of this particular season we know not. Its appropriateness, however, as expressive of the good feeling and well wishes of one toward another is beyond dispute. And in accordance with this old-time custom the Ledger extends its greeting to its readers, and sincerely wishes them a merry Christmas and happy new year.

THAT CARBONDALE BRIDGE.

From parties living in the vicinity of the so-called emergency bridge near Carbondale, we learned that up to the middle of last week nothing had been done toward the construction of the bridge at that point, so far as material on the ground was concerned. It is now two months since the contract was awarded without competition, on the ground that it was a case of great emergency that would not permit of delay in calling for bids in the usual way. We said at the time that in all probability the public would have obtained a bridge quicker and cheaper if the supervisors had proceeded in the ordinary way, and time has proven the correctness of that statement. It is now rumored that the price, \$1200, is far beyond what the structure would have cost had competitive bids been called for. What has caused the delay in the erection of this bridge we are not prepared to say. The hollowness of the "great emergency" cry has been demonstrated by the course of events. We do not doubt the sincerity of the supervisors on this question. They acted as they thought for the best interests of the community, although with undue haste. Somebody has been deceived. It would be a salutary lesson if some citizen would protest the payment of the bill for this bridge, if it is constructed at all under the emergency contract.

Rumor is rife in Jackson this week that another fly has been caught in a web. Dispatch.

Rumors of a definite character have been in circulation in this burg for years that divers persons have been afflicted with rust. The Ledger, unlike its green-eyed cotemporary, has never heretofore considered either the subject or the object of sufficient importance to its readers to demand even local, much less editorial mention.

Says He Was Tortured.

"I suffered such pain from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough, Ill., "but Bucklen's Arnica Salve completely cured them. Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, sores, scalds, burns, boils, ulcers. Perfect healer of skin diseases and piles. Cure guaranteed by D. B. Spagnoli. 25c."

Freeman is the sole agent for Santa Claus this year.

THE MODOC LYNCHING.

The Modoc county lynchings are now on trial, and it is dollars to doughnuts that there will be no conviction. There is reason for this. The citizens of that county had been annoyed for the past few years by having their stock stolen, shot and mutilated, and after having invoked the aid of the law on several occasions without securing a conviction, took the law in their own hands and did a little wholesale hanging. Mob law is to be deprecated on all occasions, but the fact still remains that when justice fails to be meted out to the wrongdoers, citizens step in and administer it in a crude but sometimes satisfactory way.—Dispatch.

A more despicable expression of sentiment than the above can hardly be imagined. In addition to being in execrable taste, it lacks both consistency and courage. Like the notorious district attorney of Modoc county, it tries to straddle both sides of a clean-cut issue. It professes to condemn mob law, and in the same breath pats the lynchers on the back for having performed a satisfactory job. It conveys the idea that society in California is only half organized, and mob law is a necessary evil occasionally to keep the lawless element within bounds. We emphatically dissent from this infamous declaration. It is a libel upon the state, and we but voice the overwhelming sentiment of Amador county in repudiating such utterances. We have heard democratic encouragement of lawlessness before, but never such a vile backing of a villainous crime as this. The Modoc lynching—inexcusable from every standpoint—takes preeminent rank among the exploits of murderous mobs in this state. If the lynchers emerge unscathed from the clutches of the law, as our cotemporary so flippantly predicts, all we can say is, it will be a setback to the progress of Modoc county only second to the lynching itself. While the state of California and the county of Modoc are each pouring out treasure without stint in a legal struggle to bring the band of lynchers to justice, and thereby wipe out as far as possible the blot of their foul deeds, it is deplorable to find a journal so forgetful or defiant of its duty of loyalty to law and order as to covertly applaud these miscreants who judge not by law and try not by jury, and gleefully anticipate a miscarriage of justice as administered by the courts.

Our cotemporary intimates that the incorporation issue will be tried again in Jackson at the general election next year, and that those in favor thereof will be overwhelmingly in the ascendant. "Distance lend enchantment to his views." He fails to state on what he bases his prophetic utterance. What has brought about such a wonderful change in the voters. Why will it carry next year, when it failed to carry this year? And why submit the issue at a general election? What benefit in the way of economy or any other respect can result from such a course? If it were legal, it certainly is inexpedient, if not impracticable, and would effect no saving whatever in expense. Furthermore, candidates for local offices would not care to inject that issue into the local canvass. The democratic sheet is talking wildly. We believe we will be much safer in predicting that the incorporation issue will not be mixed up with the next general election.

SUPERIOR COURT.

HON. H. C. RUSSELL, JUDGE.

Estate of Maria C. Blasco—Petition for termination of estate stricken from calendar.

Estate of Lillie M. Ekel—Hearing of petition to authorize the lease of real estate continued until Dec. 21.

Estate of Samuel G. Morrow—Hearing on petition for probate of will partially had, and further hearing continued until Dec. 21.

Estate of P. N. Barnhart—Final account settled and decree of distribution granted.

Estate of Pasquella Picaso—Final account settled and decree of distribution granted.

Estate of Thos. H. Hodges—Decree setting apart the whole of estate for benefit of widow.

W. E. Speer et al. vs. Scottish Union and National Insurance Co.—Defendant's demurrer sustained; plaintiff allowed 10 days in which to file amended complaint.

F. A. Orr vs. L. Ferdinando—Trial passed, parties agreeing to submit case to arbitration.

Fortunate Tuleita vs. M. E. Muldoon—Demurrer argued and submitted.

High Point Mining Co. vs. Hilda B. Brown—Motion to dismiss as to Sophia N. Farington and to set cause for trial continued until Dec. 28.

F. M. Penne et al. trustee, vs. I. N. Dewitt—Demurrer withdrawn, defendant allowed 10 days to answer.

People vs. Wm. Gotow, convicted of grand larceny.—Motion for new trial denied. Defendant sentenced to seven years in Folsom prison.

People vs. Eugene McPherson, convicted of grand larceny.—Sentenced to seven years in Folsom prison.

NEW SUITS.

Estate of J. C. Fithian—Will C. Fithian petitions for letters of administration. Petition sets forth that deceased died on the 29th September, 1901, leaving an estate consisting of a house and lot in Ione, valued at \$1200; an undivided one-half interest in 280 acres in Ione valley, valued at \$400; and personal property consisting of horses, wagons, furniture, etc., valued at \$600. The heirs are his widow, Leonora Fithian, resident of Ione, and seven children, as follows: Mrs. Ella Gray, Ione; Ephraim Fithian, Stockton; Mrs. Matilda Hamble, Los Angeles; George Fithian, Point Richmond; Elmer Fithian and W. C. Fithian, Ione, and Ed Fithian of Lockford. J. L. Sargent is the attorney for petitioner.

OUR NEIGHBORING TOWNS

The Measles Fashionable at Pine Grove.

Interesting Letters From Plymouth, Ione, Pine Grove and Amador City.

PLYMOUTH, Dec. 17.—Next Monday a Christmas tree and entertainment will be held in the M. E. church. The Misses Pearl and Maude Barkley of Aukum, came here last week to attend the Plymouth school.

Mrs. Wheeler is very ill at her daughter's, Mrs. Thomas. Edmund Thoms is very busily engaged in repairing the Odd Fellows hall.

Miss Fox of Amador, spent a few days with Mrs. Annie Doman, from whence she went to Placerville.

Our quiet town was somewhat livened up by the Buchanan Theatrical Company which played five nights here last week. The plays were enjoyed very much by the appreciative audience. Thomas Sovey is again employed by Rosenwald & Kahn.

Preparations are being made for the coming masquerade. A large crowd is anticipated.

Mr. Leach is having the trees trimmed in front of his place of business. OMEGO.

PINE GROVE.

PINE GROVE, Dec. 17.—We are having some very cold weather here now. The ground is frozen solid, and does not thaw much in the daytime.

Measles are very fashionable here; nearly everyone has got them or is getting over them.

W. T. Gillick, proprietor of the Pine Grove hotel, who was so seriously burned with gas, is improving nicely.

We are to be treated to another turkey shoot about Christmas time I suppose, as Webster is feeding his turkeys, and they will be in fine shape to sit on the hill and hear the bullets go by.

The Standard Electric Company have about completed their ditch and flume in these parts. They have a small head of water running through the Bald Rock flume.

Prospecting is all the go here since the last rain. Every one has picked up gold from a few cents up to five dollars. WAWONA.

To Cure A Cold In One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

AMADOR CITY.

AMADOR CITY, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Horr of Jackson, was the guest of Mrs. Sherman Monday.

Miss Daisy Fox is spending part of her Christmas vacation with friends in Placerville.

Wm. Burchett is spending a few days of this week in San Francisco.

Jno. Palmer returned last Monday for a few weeks' visit.

O. E. Martin went to San Jose Monday to attend the final recital of his daughter.

Mrs. Barrow and family left Monday for Newcastle, where they will be joined by Mr. Barrow, who is engaged in mining there.

W. H. Coleman went to Gilroy Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. Culbert and Miss Cora are spending a few days in San Francisco. Henry Whitehead is visiting at the home of his brother, W. E. Whitehead.

The Cemetery Association met and surprised Mrs. J. H. Thomas at her home on Friday afternoon. They were very grateful to her for her kindness during the late bazaar, that they took this way of showing their appreciation. It was a complete surprise.

Mrs. Thomas, thinking when the ladies came in with their parcels that they had been purchasing Christmas gifts, took no further notice of it until they had prepared lunch and asked her to join them.

Thd Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will have a sale of work on Friday eve, also a musical program will be given during the evening. E. LOIS.

The Best Prescription For Malaria
Chills and Fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 50c.

IONE.

Miss Lu Ursher, who has been visiting the Fred Miller family in this city, went to Amador City last Thursday to visit friends before returning to her home in Sacramento.

Ben Hammer, a brother of Mich Hammer, is here on a visit from New York.

Miss Inez McCall came up from Oakland last Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents in this city.

Miss Isabelle Cullio is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. John Browning.

Last Saturday evening about twenty-five of Sutter Creek's Neider Sons, representing the pioneer degree team of that parlor, conferred the degree upon twenty-one of Ione's stalwart sons, it being done in a very creditable manner. After which all repaired to the Ione hotel, where a banquet awaited them. It goes without saying, that it was one of the best functions ever held by an order in this city.

Mrs. Walter Stewart and son have returned to their home in this city from San Francisco, where the son has been receiving treatment, and is much improved.

Miss Etzel of San Francisco, a niece of Mrs. T. B. Stewart, is visiting relatives in this city.

Miss Belle Dunlap has returned from Placerville, where she has been visiting with Rev. Hill and family.

AQUILA.

When you take Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure, No Pay. 50c.

A turkey would not fear the hatchet if it knew it was to be roasted in a Paxton double self-basting roast pan. Weller Hdwe. Store has them.

The "Perfection" oil heater is a beauty; no smoke, no odor. Price, \$5.50. Weller Hdwe. Store.

DOCUMENTS RECORDED.

DEEDS.

Wm. H. Glenn to H. D. Richards, Italian ditch in Rancheria mining district, \$1.

Annie E. Allen to S. S. Pratt, lot 9 bl 18, Sutter Creek, \$10.

S. S. Pratt to Annie E. Allen, n w q of n w q sec 1 n o q of n o q sec 2 6 n and w h f of s w q sec 36 7 n r 10 e, \$10.

Wm. Angelich to Luigi Cunco, lot on McIntyre quartz mine, Amador City, \$80.

Wm. Going, comm. to Chas. Feldenhelm, n h f of s e q and s e q of n e q sec 21 and n w q of s w q sec 22 7 n r 13 e, \$1922.66.

MINING RECORDS.

Proof of labor of B. W. Pitts, Mountain Queen quartz mine, Volcano district.

Proof of labor of W. J. Cruson, Buckeye placer mine, Oleota district.

Notice of location of F. H. Thoms et al, Wolverine placer mine s e q of n w q sec 22 8 r 10.

Proof of labor of Lewis Smith et al, Junkshon gravel mine, Oleota district.

Proof of labor of Mrs. M. Howard et al, Occident Annex quartz mine, Sutter Creek district.

Proof of labor of Marco Glavich et al, New Ragusa placer, Oleota district.

Proof of labor of Arthur Mills, Red Hill mine, Oleota district.

Proof of labor of C. W. Waitt et al, Rancheria placer, Oleota district.

Proof of labor of Chas. Dicken et al, Murphy's diggings and May Ryan placers, Volcano district.

Proof of labor of J. Meehan et al, Martin White quartz mine, Jackson district.

Proof of labor of C. W. Trotter, Littlefield, Astoria, Middle Bar and Elephantine quartz mines, Middle Bar district.

Proof of labor of C. W. Trotter, Belmont quartz mine, Sutter Creek dist.

POWER OF ATTORNEY.
Margaret C. Quinn to Libby Q. Sargent, power of attorney to obtain patents on Quinn and Julia claims, Middle Bar district.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.
By G. Buonomini, mortgage; mortgage executed by D. Del Barba et ux, lot 22 of subdiv of lot 2 bl 2, Jackson.

Saw Death Near.
"It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin, Tenn., "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with Consumption that no medicine or earthly help could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery, and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life." It's absolutely guaranteed for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung diseases. 50c and \$1.00 at D. B. Spagnoli's. Trial bottles free.

Paints, oils, and glass are carried in stock by the Weller Hdwe. Store.

10 dozen ladies' silk embroidered handkerchiefs, 3 for 25 cents, at the White House.

Kerr's display of atomizers and perfumes is all right. They range from 50 cents to \$2.00.

The Westwood range will be handled by us. It is an old standby. Nothing strange about these newly married couples figuring on a Westwood; it saves many a clash. Weller Hdwe. Store.

Medallions, all prices, from 25 cents to \$5.00, at Kerr's Pharmacy.

BORN.

THOMPSON.—In Jackson, December 12, 1901, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thompson, a son.

BARRETT.—In Jackson, December 17, 1901, to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Barrett, a son.

MARRIED.

LOBROVICH-OLIZALLO.—In Jackson, December 14, 1901, by H. Goldner, J. P., Gaspar Lobrovich to Clara Olizallo, both of Jackson.

BUFFINGTON-EVANS.—In Jackson, December 16, 1901, by the Rev. Geo. H. Van Vleet, P. C. Buffington to Mrs. Mary Evans, both of Jackson.

SANBORN-HEISS.—In San Francisco, December 11, 1901, at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Louis Elkus, 2328 Pacific avenue, by Superior Judge Carroll Cook, Arthur B. Sanborn to Hancha L. Heiss, M. D., both of San Francisco.

KALASICH-VLADISLAVICH.—In Amador City, November 30, 1901, by Rev. William Maloney, Lawrence Kalasich to Violet Vladislavich, both of Amador City.

EBERHARDT-SCHMIDT.—In Jackson, December 14, 1901, by Rev. G. H. Van Vleet, George M. Eberhardt to Miss Emma Schmidt, both of Jackson.

DIED.

CLOUGH.—In Galt, December 10, 1901, A. A. Clough, formerly of Pine Grove, Amador county, aged 68 years and 11 days, a native of New York.

ANDREASOVICH.—In Jackson, December 11, 1901, John Andreasovich, a native of Austria, aged 21 years and 9 months.

CAMPBELL.—At Irish Hill, near Ione, December 14, 1901, Henry Campbell, a native of Ireland, aged 71 years.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF AMADOR COUNTY will meet in the office of the Superintendent of Schools at Jackson, Saturday, December 21, 1901.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

And Graduation Examinations.

For the purpose of adopting questions to be submitted to applicants that may enter the examinations of graduation from the Grammar School, or that may enter the teachers' examination.

The examination of those to graduate from the Grammar School will be held Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 23 and 24 1901, at Plymouth, Ione, Amador City, Volcano, and Jackson.

The examination of those desiring to obtain a teacher's certificate will be conducted in the Jackson public school building Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 25, 27 and 28, 1901. All sessions will begin at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Board of Education will meet in the Superintendent of Schools' Office at Jackson, Monday and Tuesday, December 30 and 31, 1901, for the purpose of issuing and renewing certificates, granting recommendations, etc.

GEORGE A. GORDON, Superintendent of Common Schools Amador County.

Notice of Hearing of Petition for Probate of Will.

In the Superior Court of the County of Amador, State of California.

In the matter of the estate of John Juka, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that SATURDAY, the 21st day of DECEMBER, 1901, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day, and at the Court room of said Court, at the Court House, in the town of Jackson, County of Amador, State of California, have been appointed as the time and place for proving the will of said John Juka, deceased, and for hearing the objections to said will for the issuance to her of letters testamentary thereon.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 31st day of December, 1901.

(Seal of Superior Court.) C. L. CULBERT, Clerk.

John F. Davis, Attorney for petitioner. dec13-3m

JOHN ROCK, Manager Niles, Cal. dec13-3m

Card of Thanks.

To the many kind friends who gathered at the burial of our dear one, to the pastor for his words of comfort and consolation, to the choir for their tender singing of the hymns she loved, and the donors of the beautiful floral offerings, we tender our heartfelt gratitude.

MRS. S. H. BOXALL.
MR. AND MRS. J. B. TOMAS.
MR. AND MRS. J. B. MAGUIRE.
MR. AND MRS. E. H. BOXALL.
MR. J. D. BOXALL.
MRS. J. C. MILLER.

Dec. 18, 1901.

Saved His Life.

"I wish to say that I feel I owe my life to Kodol Dyspepsia Cure," writes H. C. Christenson of Hayfield, Minn. "For three years I was troubled with dyspepsia so that I could hold nothing down my stomach. Many times I would be unable to retain a morsel of food. Finally I was confined to my bed. Doctors said I could not live. I read one of your advertisements on Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and thought it fit my case as it commended its use. I began to improve from the first bottle. Now I am cured and recommend it to all." Digests your food. Cures all stomach troubles. Kerr's Pharmacy, Jackson.

Christmas Festival.

At the M. E. church on Christmas night the following program will be carried out, followed by a Dutch windmill and Christmas tree exercises: Chorus, young ladies; recitation, Laura Parker; duet, Misses Anna Bartle and Rachel Brees; recitation, Hazel Quirrol; song, Infant Class; song, School; recitation, Miss Minnie Northey; solo, Clarence Dunstan; recitation, J. H. Love; solo, Eloise Freeman; song, School; An interview with Santa Claus by Mother Goose and her children.

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rock placed upon his head with force
enough to break it," says an old circus
man. "This is spectacular, but is en-
tirely painless and calls for no great
strength or endurance. Upon the cir-
cum of the strong man is put an iron
contrivance weighing about 150 pounds
and provided with cushions both above
and where it rests upon the head. A
pretty good sized rock is used, and the
hammer is a heavy one, so you can see
that the blow that cracks the rock is
really a serious one. But most of the
force is taken up by the rock and the
rest by the iron and cushions, while
the only sensation felt by the subject
is a gentle tap."
"No more difficult than this is the
act whereby the hero of the canvas
tent permits a rock to be broken upon
his chest with a blow from a sledge
hammer. So long as the subject's back
is free and does not rest against any
solid object the trick is perfectly sim-
ple. A little illustration: Take a board
up and let it lie freely in your hand
and hit it smartly with a hammer. It
is difficult to hurt your hand, and the
thicker the board the less the sensa-
tion. But now put your hand on the
table and hit the board. Hurts, doesn't
it? Well, it's the same with the rock
on the chest."

How Our Ancestors Quarreled.
A study of mediæval rural life is apt
to give the impression that the prin-
cipal part of the life of the people was
spent in quarreling or in the commis-
sion or prosecution of offenses. Our
ancestors certainly were a very lit-
tigious and a very disorderly people.
The records teem with instances of men
and women drawing knives against one
another, of breaking into houses, of
proceeding to one another for slander.
Then we have such entries as these:
"It is ordained by common consent
that all the women of the village must
restrain their tongues from all slander-
ing." "Thomas, son of Robert Smith,
is fined 12 pence because his wife Ag-
nes beat Emma, the wife of Robert,
the tailor, and Robert, the tailor, six-
pence because his wife Emma swore at
Agnes, the wife of Thomas." "It is en-
joined upon all the tenants of the vil-
lage that none of them attack any oth-
ers in word or deed, with clubs or ar-
rows or knives under penalty of paying
40 shillings."

Such entries, frequently occurring, in
addition to the innumerable instances
of individual attack, slander, petty
theft and other immorality seem to
show a community of far from perfect
virtue.—Lippincott's.

Italiana Love Tomatoes.

Italians love more than any other people
value tomatoes, and each one that
comes to perfection is as carefully tend-
ed as though it were an apple of gold.
Not only do the housewives delight in
the fresh vegetables themselves, but,
generally speaking, those home tend-
ed are better than any purchased at the
market, and so each one is jealously
saved to make tomatoe sauce for the
saga, without which no Italian
Sunday would be Sunday. One woman
gardeners one person sold enough to-
matoes to give her quite a little pin money.
No one who knows the Italian well
will be surprised to learn that many of
the boxes are devoted to peppers, for they
in truth furnish much of their spice of
life, and even the little Italian girls
know how to stuff and cook them in a
dozen different ways that tempt the
palate.—Boston Transcript.

Willy Costigan.

Casey—Costigan got his life insured
for ten cents.
Conroy—How was that?
Casey—He borrowed ten cents at th'
foreman, and the foreman won't put
him on a dangerous job as long as he
owes him ten cents.—Puck.

His Embarrassment.

Brackett—They say you are financial-
ly embarrassed. Do you owe a very
large amount?
Brackett—I don't owe anything, but
there are several people who owe me,
and I haven't the courage to ask for it.
—Boston Transcript.

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THE STIRRUP CUP.

My short and happy day is done;
The long and lonely night comes on,
And at my door the pale horse stands
To carry me to unknown lands.

His whinny shrill, his pawing hoofs,
Sound dreadful as a gathering storm,
And I must leave this sheltering roof
And joys of life so soft and warm.

Tender and warm the joys of life;
Good friends, the faithful and the true;
My children and my wife,
So sweet to kiss, so fair to view.

So sweet to kiss, so fair to view;
The night comes on, the lights burn blue,
And at my door the pale horse stands
To bear me forth to unknown lands.

—John Hay.

A NOVEL HOTEL BILL.

The Man to Whom It Was Presented

Could Not Understand It.

"Talking about bookkeeping, there
used to be a man in Yankton whose
system of bookkeeping accounts was
wonderfully efficient. He kept a hotel,
and he could neither read nor write.
He did not know how to spell his own
name, but he did a thriving business
and collected every dollar of his ac-
counts. Once, years ago, when I first
came to this country, I went to his hotel
and stopped there two weeks,"
writes Milt Brinben.

"When I left, he presented me with a
statement of what I owed him, and it
was a curiosity. He had copied it from
his ledger. At the top of the sheet
there was a rude picture of a soldier
on the march and after it three straight
marks. Then there was a scene show-
ing a man at table eating. Then ap-
peared a bed with a man in it. In the
amount column there was a picture of
a doll and after it the two letters 'RS.'
After the picture of a man eating there
were forty-two marks; after the view
of the man in the bed, fourteen marks.
I looked at the account then at the
proprietor, and I did him it would take
me a week to answer that conundrum.

"I was completely stumped, and when
that hotel man deciphered the amount
for me it was this: The picture of the
soldier walking meant march, and the
three marks supplied the date, March
3, when I began boarding. The man
at the table with forty-two marks after
it indicated that I had eaten forty-two
meals. The man in bed with fourteen
marks showed that I had slept in the
house fourteen nights. The doll with the
'RS' after it meant 'dollars,' and in
the figure columns appeared the fig-
ures 14, which was the amount I owed
him. And it was a true bill."—Yank-
ton Press.

A Persian Barber.

A Persian barber who works in a style
very different from that in vogue in
this country. A typical shop is a
square room, with one side open to the
street. In the center is a tiny bed of
flowers sunk in the floor, from the
middle of which rises an octagonal
stone column about three feet high.

The capital of the column forms a
receptacle for the water in which the
barber dips his hand as he shaves his
customer's scalp. The Persian then
is not a barber. The shop is very clean,
and two recesses stand four vases filled
with flowers and the implements of the
barber's art—scissors, razors, lancets,
hand mirrors, large pinchers to extract
teeth, branding irons to cauterize the
arteries in amputating limbs, strong
combs, but not a hairbrush, for that
implement is never used by Persians.

From the barber's girdle hang a
rural copper water bottle, his strop,
and a pouch to hold his instruments.
In his bosom is a small mirror, the
presentation of which to his customers
is a sign that the job is finished and
that the barber waits for his pay. The
barber shaves the heads of his custom-
ers, dyes their beards, pulls their teeth,
blisters and bleeds them when all-
ing, sets their broken bones and shampoos
their bodies.—Exchange.

Strange Lapse of Memory.

Cases of forgetfulness on matters of
interest are on record. While Dr.
Priestley was preparing his work en-
titled "Harmony of the Gospels" he
had taken great pains to inform him-
self on a subject which had been under
discussion relative to the Jewish Pass-
over. He wrote out the result of his
researches and laid the paper away.
His attention, also, some little time
elapsed before the subject occurred to
his mind again. Then the same time
and pains were given to the subject
that had been given to it before, and
the results were again put on paper
and laid aside. So completely had he
forgotten that he had copied the same
paragraphs and reflections before that
it was only when he had found the
papers on which he had transcribed
them that it was recalled to his recol-
lection. This same author had fre-
quently read his own published writ-
ings and did not recognize them.

An Expert.

Professor—"If a person in good health,
but who imagined himself sick, should
send for you, what would you do?"

Medical Student—"Give him some-
thing to make him sick and then ad-
minister an antidote."
Professor—"Don't waste any more
time here. Hang out your shingle."
New York Herald.

In Temptation's Way.

Jones—Has your wife got her new
hat yet?
Brown—No; I've given her the money
for it several times, but she has spent
it on some great, glorious bargain she
saw before she got to the milliner shop.
—Detroit Free Press.

Some people expect fortune to break

in the door and announce her arrival
through a megaphone.—Nashville Ban-
ner.

About the only way to convert some
people is to leave them alone.—Dallas
News.

Of Benefit to You.

D. S. Mitchell, Fulford, Md.: "Dur-
ing a long illness I was troubled with
bad sores, was advised to try De Witt's
Witch Hazel Salve and was cured with
wonderful results. I was perfectly
cured. It is the best salve on the mar-
ket. Save it for piles, sores, burns.
Beware of counterfeits. Korr's Phar-
macy, Jackson.

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A LIVING BAROMETER.

The Crablike Spider That Poses as

Yucatan's Weather Sharp.

In Yucatan, a land of many curiosi-
ties, there is a living barometer in the
form of a small spider, called "am" on
account of the effect produced by its
poison. As far as its own conduct goes,
the insect is inoffensive and can be
handled with impunity, but if anybody
has the misfortune to get one mysteri-
ously mixed with his food he is certain
to die after a few hours and meanwhile
for some unexplained reason will fre-
quently ejaculate "Am, am, am!" hence
the name of the spider. Throughout
the peninsula this is affirmed to be a
fact, and if an am falls into fodder of
horses or mules the animal that swal-
lows it surely dies.

This spider is shaped like a crab,
minus the claws, and is of a bright yel-
low color, with brown spots; the big-
gest could be accommodated upon a
silver dime. Its favorite abode is
among the leaves of the banana shrub,
commonly, but erroneously, called tree.
There it spins with extreme rapidity,
its web, which is prodigiously large,
considering the size of its architect,
and proceeds to devour the flies that
are unlucky enough to get entangled in
the meshes of this astonishing little
glutton, that is not satisfied with less
than a dozen a day—that is to say, it
consumes a good deal more than its
own bulk. Its progeny is numerous
and appears at first like more black
specks, smaller than the smallest pin's
head.

The sky may be blue and cloudless
when suddenly the am commences tak-
ing in its sails, or, rather, gathering in
its net, with neatness and dispatch,
cramming the whole of the material
into its diminutive body entirely out of
sight. A few minutes completes the
job, and the spider takes up its position
on the under surface of one of the
great leaves to be lulled by the gentle
swaying and sheltered while the storm
rages. It is for this that the am has
prepared, and never is it mistaken.
When the web is taken in, rain will
certainly fall within an hour.

The moment the am is touched it
feigns death and lets itself drop, show-
ing no sign of life until again placed
upon a leaf or on the ground. Many
a one has lain in the palm of the writer's
hand inert, all its legs drawn close to
its body, while it was examined at
length, even being picked up in the
fingers without its manifesting any
life.

BEAUTY SPOTS.

Try lemon juice for whitening the
neck. Apply it with a linen cloth.
After the head has been shampooed,
whenever possible, give the head a sun
bath.

A writer states that oily hands may
be made comfortable and touchable by
wetting them once or twice a day while
clean with cologne, alcohol or toilet
vinegar.

A good circulation is essential to the
growth of the hair as well as to its col-
or and fineness. A frequent, vigorous
brushing with a stiff brush is the best
method of obtaining this.

A writer upon the complexion says
the best way to treat freckles, a sure
cure in all but very obstinate cases, is
to touch them night and morning with
a camel's hair brush after dipping it in
lemon juice.

For a grasy skin nothing is better
than the combination of an ounce of
dried rose leaves, half a pint of white
vinegar and half a pint of rose-
water. Let the vinegar stand on the
rose leaves for a week, then add the
rosewater. Use a tablespoonful in a
cup of distilled water.

A Geological Fallacy.

Probably the most wild and unjusti-
fiable of all the crude beliefs respect-
ing geological resources is that which
holds to the conviction that by going
deep enough the drifter is sure to find
something of value, no matter what
point the work of boring is commenced.
There are numerous wise persons in
every community, estimable, influen-
tial and in the highest degree public
spirited who are convinced that the
question, for example, of finding coal
in their special locality is simply a
matter of the depth to which the ex-
plorations are carried. Rock oil and
natural gas are recognized as desirable
products in every progressive commu-
nity, and every such community con-
tains persons in other respects intelli-
gent who are ready to stake their own
fortune and that of their nearest
friends on the belief that oil and gas
are everywhere underneath the surface
and that their sources can be tapped
with the drill provided only there is
sufficient capital to keep up the process
of drilling long enough.—Mines and
Minerals.

Professional Shoppers.

Professional shoppers are employed
by a certain large firm of London
drapers to test the abilities of shop as-
sistants. This firm owns over thirty
large shops and employs nearly 1,000
assistants. To find out whether every
customer is recognized as a number
of lady customers are employed to call
at the various shops. They are told to
give as much trouble as possible and
sometimes to leave without making a
purchase after looking at nearly every
thing in the shop. Should the unfortu-
nate assistant's temper not be equal
to the strain, or should a single word
be said that might offend, a report will
infallibly reach headquarters and lead
to the dismissal of the sorely tried
handler of silks and ribbons.

An Example.

"After all, it isn't the big troubles
that bother a fellow so much; it's the
little things that annoy us most."
"That's right. Why, they say a hor-
net's sting is only one-thirty-second of
an inch long."—Philadelphia Press.

Church Notice.

St. Augustine's Mission, room situat-
ed on Court street. Services as follows:
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A QUESTION OF TEETH.

Did the Immortal George Wear Ar-

tificial or Natural Ones?

"George Washington's false teeth,
which were supposed to have been
made of ivory, are giving a certain
class of freak historians about as much
trouble as they must have given the
venerable patriot who wore them,"
said one of the professors of the
Smithsonian institution to a reporter
recently.

"Many times a year for several years
this institution has been called upon to
produce these mysterious teeth for the
inspection of persons who insist that
they are here.

"Our matter of fact answer to these
inquiries that Washington had no false
teeth, or at least if he did, that they
were not in the possession of the mu-
seum, seems only to stimulate the in-
quiring mind to protest our statement.
They proceed to give us authentic ac-
counts of these teeth and always con-
clude with expressing the belief that
they must be in the museum some-
where.

"Where or how the idea that Wash-
ington had false teeth originated is an
unsolved mystery. That it is firmly be-
lieved by many is certainly a fact.
There seems to be no authentic record
of the Father of His Country possess-
ing ivory teeth, and by a study of the
bust we have of him, which was made
but a few years before his death, there
is no indication of an indentation along
the line of the gums such as can be
noticed in persons who have had their
teeth drawn, even though they wear
artificial ones. However, we will con-
tinue to answer the same question in
the same way probably many times in
the future."

According to some biographers
Washington lost his teeth during his
service as commander in chief of the
Continental army and had a set of
ivory ones made. These teeth, it is
also stated, gave him much trouble be-
cause they did not fit.—Washington
Star.

RAILWAY RUMBLES.

Ireland claims the honor of the first
electric railway in the United King-
dom.

It is said that the cheapest railway
fares in the world are to be found in
Hungary.

Denmark has a government railroad
system of 1,107 miles and 625 miles of
private railroads.

The Servian, Roumanian and Bulgar-
ian railroads are owned exclusively
by the respective governments.

Travelers on Prussian railways whose
baggage, through no fault of their
own, fails to arrive with them can now
have it sent on request free to their
houses.

The difficulty of railway construction
in some parts of Africa is illustrated
by the fact that on the Freetown-Matru-
line, in Sierra Leone, eleven steel
bridges had to be built in a distance of
only thirty kilometers.

A representative of the Paris Temps
has been examining railway stations in
Germany, and he declares that those of
Dresden, Cologne, Hanover, Frankfurt,
Bremen, etc., are far superior to any
of the French except the Parisian.

Paying a Creditor.

Like many another famous man both
before his time and since, Talleyrand
exhibited, at least in early life, a great
reluctance to settling with his credi-
tors. When he was appointed bishop of
Autun, by Louis XVI., he considered
the new coach to be necessary to the
proper maintenance of the dignity of
that office. Accordingly a coach was
ordered and delivered, but not paid for.
Some time after, as the newly appoint-
ed bishop was about to enter his coach,
he noticed a strange man standing near
who bowed continually until the coach
was driven away. This occurred for
several days until at length Talleyrand,
addressing the stranger, said:
"Well, my good man, who are you?"
"I am your coachmaker, my lord,"
replied the stranger.

"Ah," said Talleyrand, "you are my
coachmaker! And what do you want,
my coachmaker?"

"I want to be paid, my lord."

"Ah, you are my coachmaker, and
you want to be paid? You shall be
paid, my coachmaker."

"But when, my lord?"

"Hm," said Talleyrand, settling
himself comfortably among the cushions
of his new coach and eying his
coachmaker severely, "you are very
inquisitive!"